

[C9. C. Doussier-Brochard] Magnetic structure of an antimony manganese chlorosulfide MnSbS₂Cl

Relatively to chalcogenides or halogenides, mixed compounds of the halogeno-chalcogenide type have been poorly studied up to now. Among them, quaternary compounds combining a transition metal *TM* with another cation are of special interest for their physical properties, due to the dilution of *TM* in the crystal matrix and the competition of the two types of cations versus the two ligands.

The crystal structure of MnSbS₂Cl can be described as edge-sharing MnS₄Cl₂ octahedra along the *b*-axis, and corner-sharing along the *a*-axis, forming waved layers separated by Bi atoms. The magnetic susceptibility versus temperature, shows a large maximum, around 39 K, characteristic of a low-dimensional anti-ferromagnetic behaviour, following by an increase at 27K.

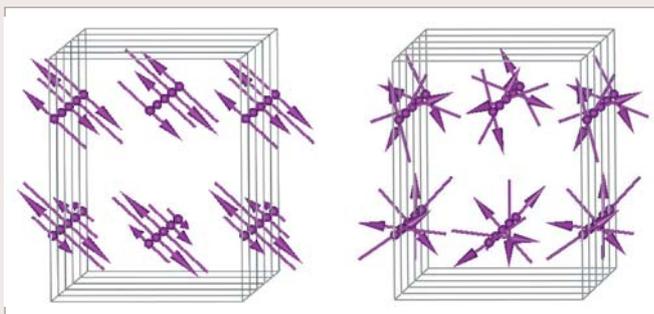
To elucidate this magnetic behaviour, powder neutron diffraction experiments were performed on the multi-detector G4.1 and allowed us to solve the magnetic structure and its thermal evolution [1]. Below T_N=35 K, a complex 3D long-range antiferromagnetic ordering takes place, characterized by an incommensurate 1D propagation wave-vector along the *b*-axis, equal to $k = [0, 0.3838, 0]$. The Rietveld refinements give two possible modulation models, sinusoidal and helicoidal, with similar magnetic reliability factors and a moment of 4.5 μ_B on Mn at 1.5 K.

MnSb₂S₄ and MnPb₄Sb₆S₁₄, which present chains of MnS₄ octahedra separated respectively by 6 and 16 Å, have been also studied to show the evolution of magnetic structure versus 2D or 1D organization [2].

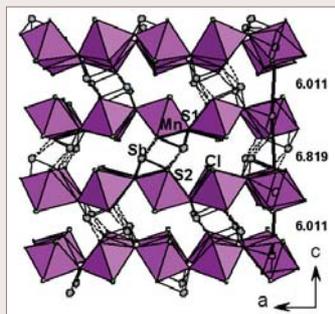
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Magnetic structure with sinusoidal (left) or helicoidal (right) modulation

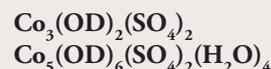
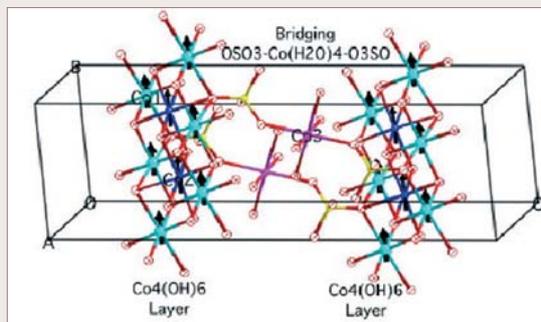
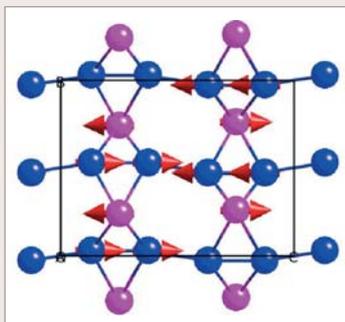


Crystal structure of MnSbS₂Cl

[C10. S. Vilminot] Magnetic structures of the synthetic magnetic minerals based on hydroxysulfates of divalent metals, Co₃(OD)₂(SO₄)₂, Co₅(OD)₆(SO₄)₂(H₂O)₄, Cu₄(OD)₆SO₄

High-resolution (3T2) and high-flux (G4.1) neutron powder diffraction (NPD) data have been used to determine the nuclear and magnetic structures of a series of M^{II}-hydroxysulfates, M = Mn, Co, Ni and Cu, as part of an ongoing project to understand short-range (SRO) and long-range (LRO) magnetic ordering and geometrical frustration caused by μ₃-OH bridges. For the M₃(OD)₂(SO₄)₂ series which are canted antiferromagnets [T_N = 42 (Co), 26 (Mn) and 29 K (Ni)], the Ni exhibits collinear moments along *b* while for Co and Mn the moments lie in the *ac*-plane with a rare co-existence of SRO and LRO.[1] Co₅(OD)₆(SO₄)₂(H₂O)₄ consists of triangular Co^{II}-OH layers pillared by ...O₃SO-Co^{II}(H₂O)₄-OSO₃...and it behaves as a ferromagnet below 14 K.[2] Extensive magnetization by varying temperature, field and pressure and heat capacity measurements and NPD reveal an easy-plane XY-magnet where the moment of the pillaring Co remains random. Due to slight anisotropy in the layer the moments are oriented along *b*. These results demonstrate, for the first time, the existence of LRO in a single layer. Cu₄(OD)₆SO₄ has a complex corrugated layered structure and it behaves as a canted AF. NPD was modelled with the moments oriented collinearly perpendicular to the corrugated planes with alternation along ±*a* for neighbouring chains within double chains building up the planes [3].

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